

Judiciary Committee,

I am opposed to H.B. 6355, An Act Concerning Risk Protection Orders or Warrants.

There is no need to change Connecticut's current law. This current law is available to anyone at any time 365 days a year with police arriving within minutes from the time of call.

In Connecticut, a confiscation petition may be filed only by law enforcement officers or state's attorney. Any person, including family members, former dating partners, neighbors, co-workers, can meet with law enforcement. Then, officers or attorney must conduct their own investigation, moving forward with a petition if they find it warranted.

Some people worry that if law enforcement officers oversee petitions, the officers will make up excuses not to follow up a citizen's request. The Connecticut experience indicates otherwise. Connecticut has a remarkably high per capita rate of confiscation, even with the requirement that confiscation petitions must come from two law enforcement officers or state's attorneys who have conducted an independent investigation.

This bill contains no stipulated penalties for false reporting.

Please stand for a person's natural born right to self-defense. Support H.B. 6491 An Act Concerning Nonlethal Electronic Defense Weapons.

Sincerely,

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